

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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GROWTH OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government received several representations requesting for adequate emphasis being given to value added industries by allocating mining blocks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to allocate mining block to captive industries on preferential basis as it will lead to growth of economic development in the country;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government would address this issue of discontinuation of allotment of small mining blocks in the new National Mineral Policy;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) to (d): Mineral rich States have sought to give preference in grant of mineral concession in the interest of developing the backward regions of their States to such applicants who are willing to set up value addition industry based on minerals. The existing mining laws allow a State Government to give preference to an applicant on the criteria that he is setting up a value addition industry, apart from other parameters like financial and technical capability etc.

(e) to (g): The issues of small scale mining have been appropriately addressed in the National Mineral Policy, 2007, which is under consideration of the Government.